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SUBJECT: CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGER-
ED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. FOLLOWING IS HMG POSITION ON
RATIFICATION OF SUBJECT CONVENTION AS STATED BY DAVID
ENNALS, MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH
AFFAIRS IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION IN HOUSE OF COMMONS
JULY 8. BEGIN QUOTE:

" THE GOVERNMENT ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO BOTH THE
RATIFICATION OF THE WASHINGTON CONVENTION ON INTER-
NATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND
FLORA AND TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS PROVISIONS.

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"IT IS OUR INTENTION TO RATIFY THE CONVENTION AS SOON

AS CONSULTATIONS WITH THE DEPENDENT TERRITORIES, THE ISLE OF MAN AND THE CHANNEL ISLANDS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. WE WISH TO INCLUDE AS MANY OF THESE TERRITORIES AS POSSIBLE IN OUR INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION, THUS INCREASING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CONVENTION. ANY DELAY IN DEPOSITING OUR INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION WILL NOT, HOWEVER, HOLD UP THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. WE HAVE ALREADY GIVEN AN UNDERTAKING TO DO THIS BY THE END OF THE YEAR USING EXISTING UNITED KINGDOM LEGISLATION. WE ARE ALSO CONSULTING WITH OUR PARTNERS IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY WITH REGARD TO THE EFFECT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON INTRA-COMMUNITY TRADE." ENDQUOTE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. WITH THE ABOVE STATEMENT IN MIND, WE DISCUSSED CONCERNS EXPRESSED REFTEL WITH MARGARET ROTHWELL, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT, FCO. SHE STATED UK AND FRG HAD STRONGLY PROTESTED PROPOSED FEBRUARY 1976 MEETING AS BEING PREMATURE IN LIGHT OF UK DELAY AND EC CONSULTATIONS. SHE WENT ON TO SAY THAT EC COMMISSION IS PRESSING HARD FOR JOINT RATIFICATION BY JANUARY 1, 1976. SHE CONFIRMED, HOWEVER, THAT UK WILL BE UNABLE MAKE THIS DEADLINE FOR FACTORS CITED ABOVE. SHE ALSO WOULD NOT AGREE THAT AGREEMENT TO DEPOSIT SIMULTANEOUSLY HAS BROKEN DOWN ALTHOUGH IT IS SHAKY. SHE FEELS ITALY AND DENMARK MAY EVEN BE SLOWER THAN THE UK IN COMING TO RATIFICATION.

3. IN RESPONSE TO OUR SPECIFIC QUESTION SHE STATED CONFIDENTIALLY AND NOT FOR ATTRIBUTION THAT UK WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE OTHER EC MEMBERS PROCEED WITHOUT DELAYING FOR SIMULTANEOUS DEPOSIT. HMG IS COMMITTED TO RATIFICATION AND IS ONLY FORCED TO DELAY FOR TECHNICAL REASONS. SHE SAID THEY WOULD THUS BE QUITE HAPPY TO HAVE THE OTHERS "GET ON WITH IT" BUT THAT THEY ARE NOT IN POSITION TO MAKE SUCH A SUGGESTION IN BRUSSELS. END CONFIDENTIAL

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